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Lee and Kay at Gay Pride demonstration in Central Park, 1971.

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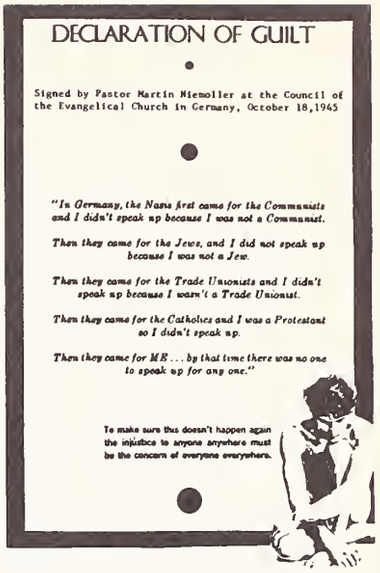
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Signed by Pastor Martin Niemoller at the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany, October 18,1945

"In Germany, the Nazis first came for the Communists and I didn't speak up because I was not a Communist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak up because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Catholics and I was a Protestant so I didn't speak up.

Then they came for ME . . . by that time there was no one to speak up for any one."

To make sure this doesn't happen again the injustice to anyone anywhere must be the concern of everyone everywhere.

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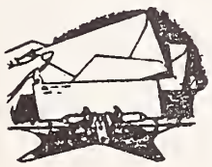

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EDITORIAL

HE'S NOT HEAVY, HE'S MY BROTHER

Who said that individual effort doesn't pay off. To paraphrase the words of the first man to set foot on the moon, "one small step for queens and one giant step for all transvestites." Perhaps trite but true.

Isn't it about time that all cross dressers stopped discussing semantics and started to discuss their need for freedom to express themselves in the type of dress they desire. We can each start out locally by attacking the ordinances and administrative codes that discriminate against the transvestite or crossdresser or whatever you want to call it. We should all recognize the fact that all crossdressers should have the same rights to freedom of dress regardless of their sexual orientation.

And - now is the time to unite and get something accomplished. Let's all stand up and be counted.

An example of what can be accomplished on a local level are the results of actions by Queens Liberation Front in New York City. The director of this organization recently appeared before the local officials and appealed for removal of clauses which were discriminating against, homosexuals, lesbians, and cross-dressers. The organization was quite successful in their second case to obtain greater freedoms for the cross dresser. When the administrative code has been officially amended to reflect these changes we will advise you to the extent to which it will affect us all. This is an important

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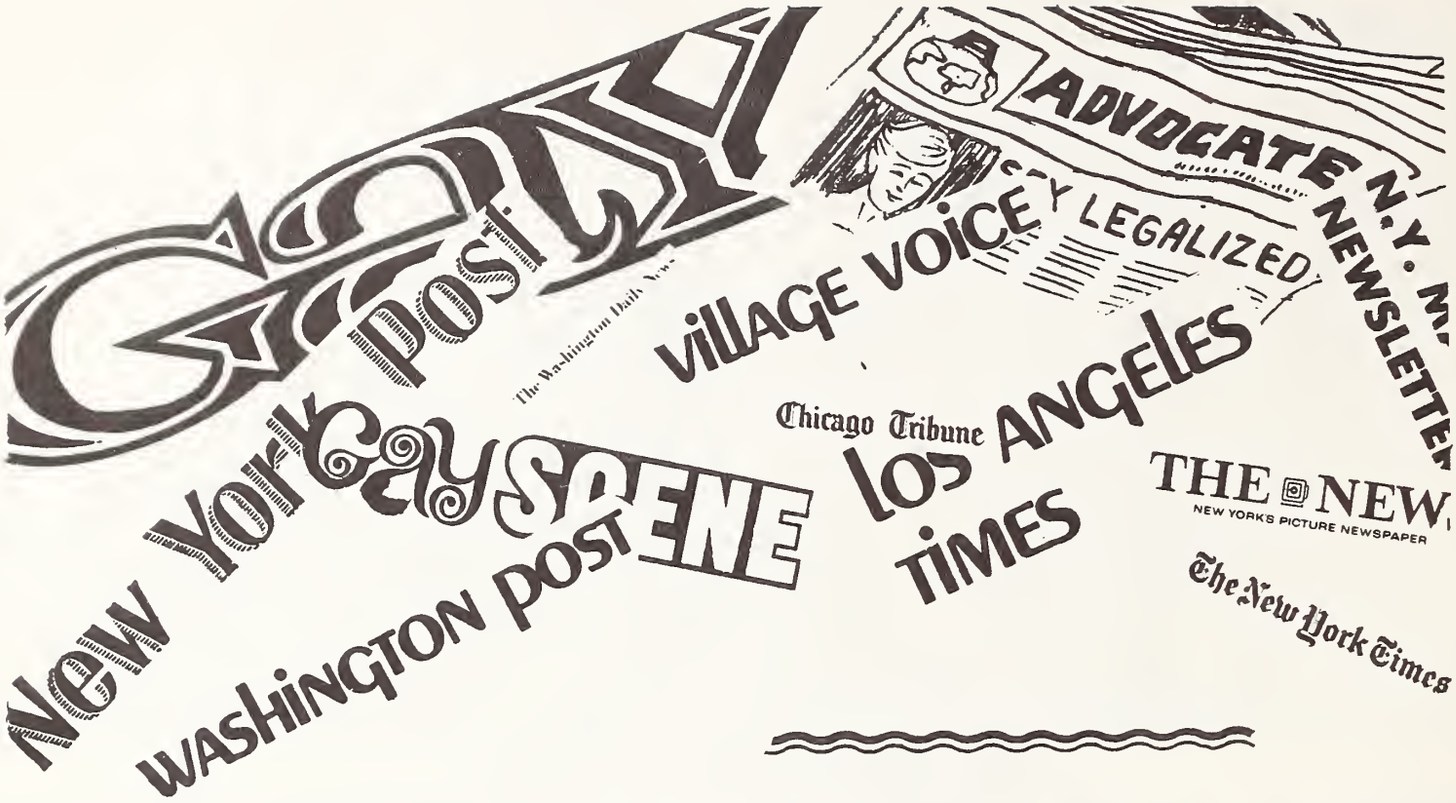
HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE!



NEWS

DALLAS, TEXAS

The Advocate, America's gay newspaper reports that a preoperative transsexual charged with wearing a mask or disguise in public won a municipal court case May 14 in which she pleaded not guilty.

"I was only in drag when they released me--boy drag," said Carol Schneider, the 26 year old defendant.

Carol had been undergoing hormone shots for nine months when she was arrested at a telephone booth near her east Dallas apartment Feb. 18.

Carol said she was arrested when police stopped to question two hippie-dressed friends of hers and discovered she was male. "My voice gives me away every time, along with the fact that I'm 6' 2" Carol commented. "When I have the operation, they'll have to do something about my vocal chords."

Carol, a native of Anaheim, Calif., had arrived in Dallas one month before the arrest en route to the Erickson Foundation in Baton Rouge, La., which specializes in the transsexual operation. She stayed over in Dalas due to an auto accident.

Judge Ben Ellis pronounced Carol not guilty when no witnesses appeared at the trial. Her public defender attorney, Larry Colyer, was going to dispute the legality of the arrest, but the judge dismissed the case before it got that far.

The arresting officers had charged Carol with 'impersonation of a female in

a public place at a time other than a festival." The attorney's investigation found that no such law exists on Texas law books and that the charge later had been altered to 'wearing a mask or disguise in public"

"When they arrested me," Carol said, "I was wearing bell-bottom slacks, a long-sleeve sweater blouse, makeup, a fall, earrings, and flats."

Carol was taken to a police station and placed in a male holding tank. "The other prisoners were very inquisitive, they asked me all sorts of questions, but nothing derogatory happened,"she said.

Carol spent 24 hours in jail before she was bonded and her original clothes were confiscated as evidence.

"That's when this humiliating experience occurred,"Carol said. "They took my clothes and put me in a release tank with male prisoners for one hour with nothing on except a girdle and shoes," she said. "I have quite well-developed bust now after nine months of shots."

Carol, who works as a waitress at the Galley Restaurant on Oak Lawn Avenue, plans to undergo the sex-change operation in a year.

NEW YORK
A new sex comedy will shoot her early July under banner of Port of Spain Productions. Roles open: DRAG QUEEN.....authentic if possible.

LOS ANGELES
Kenneth Marlowe staged a successful show, "A Curious Evening with Kenneth Marlow" recently in L.A. The famous author based this 'musical comedy' on his first book, MR. MAD-AM. His second is due to appear later this year. It's all about his seven years with Gypsy Rose Lee. The title: MAKE ME GORGEOUS.

CANNES, FRANCE
Variety reported: Back in New York from the Cannes Film Festival, a number of Manhattan-based film types, usually unflappable, remain surprised at what they call the 'hordes' of transvestite hookers who descended upon the Riviera for the annual cinema orgy.

Male and female prostitutes are always in evidence on such occasions, but large numbers of males in drag, a bumper crop if reports can be believed, are a new twist. Most interesting theory holds that the transvestites at Cannes were basically masochists and should some customer get violent after discovering his purchased goods were misleadingly packaged---that was all the better. (Ed. note Most males know that they are going with a drag and do not react violently when they aren't aware. From experience, I have found that once they know what you are they couldn't care less...if they are alone. If they're with another male they are more likely to become embarassed and possibly react violently.)

DALAS, TEXAS
CO-eds lose to a guy in a Texas queen contest. Kenneth Benson, 22, of Shorewood, Wisc., was elected queen at Sothern Methodist University's Spring festival.

Benson, a political science major, polled 40 per cent of the votes as a write-in candidate competing against eight co-eds for the honor of "Manada Queen."

NEW YORK
Lee G. Brewster's life was threatened at a recent public appearance at a discussion group in New York. The caller objected to having drag queens address the homosexual group. Not mentally stable, the individual was told by another homosexual that drag queens were

horrible, vicious people and shouldn't be allowed to speak to them. Brewster didn't take the caller seriously, and attended the meeting anyway, and with a group of two other tvs and a trans sexual addressed the standing room only audience. No incident occured.

The following weekend the caller again called. This time to apologize. When asked why he didn't go through with the threat he said," You were too beautiful and besides you cried and I couldn't stand to hear you cry". (Mr. Brewster became overcome with emotion during the lecture about the homosexuals attitudes about drag queens and cried as a hushed audience looked on). He also said, "There was also a policeman on hand."

This again proves the statement of Queens Liberation Front that the homosexual is many times the drag queens worst enemy.

NEW YORK;
The men who have been buying Puccis for their wives have now some of their own.

Emilio Pucci, the Forentine Marchese known for his geometric silk jersey prints, has taken the plunge into menswear with suits, blazers, slacks, sportsshirts, robes and those PUCCI prints show up on ties and coat linings---masculinized, of course.

Sacks Fifth Avenue is carrying his clothes in a Pucci boutique within the 6th floor men's department. "We have broken down our tradition of no-names in menswear," said Sacks president Gordon Franklin.

CHICAGO
James W. Steadman, 27, has long red hair, dresses in women's clothing and asked prison and court officials to address him as "Linda"

Kane County Judge John Peterson, who sentenced Steadman to from three to five years in prison on a theft charge, said that Steadman was frist sent to Statesville Prison for Men in Joliet. This brought a frantic call from Warden John Twomey, who asked why he was sent a woman prisoner.

Next, Steadman was sent to Women's Prison in Dwight, Ill, but startled women officials there refused to accept him as a woman inmate.

Next, he was sent to the Illinois Reception and Diagnostic Center in Joliet, where he was placed in a cell by himself to keep him away from the men prisoners. He was given many tests in an attempt to find a place for him in the state prison system.

Judge Peterson said that the first time Steadman came into his courtroom he was wearing a skirt. A matron began to frisk him, and then stopped, screaming: "She's a man!"

The judge said that Steadman told the court psychiatrist that he 'wanted society to pay' for the final surgery that would transform him into a woman.

He pleaded guilty to the theft charge April 3rd. after he was arrested by the Geneva police. He is now out on a $50,000 bail while his case is being appealed. His appeal contends that his sentence was too severe.

NEW YORK....Jack Obrien in his column VOICE OF BROADWAY reported that SPENCER TRACY must be rolling over in his sense of irony: The new Hammer film, "Dr. Jekyll and Sister Hyde." has its hero sex-change into a beautiful, of course promiscuous, girl.

TORONTO, CANADA.
A transsexual, Deirdre Hunter, received

a great deal of coverage in the Univ. of Toronto newspaper. She claims that she first became a 'drag queen' after associating with homosexuals and then, convinced that she was a woman, had herself castrated. Now she can't find anyone to build her a vagina. Deirdre concludes: "I am brave enough to stand up for my rights, not so much as a man or woman, but as a human being.. I'm one of you, you know."

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Ronald Ahlburg, 20, reported for his Army physical in full drag. "They were terribly lovely and everyone was charming," said Ronald, "I didn't even have to take off my clothes." After an interview with doctors, he felt confident that he would be exempted.

UNITED PRESS reports that famed female impressionist James Bailey was given national publicity in a U. P. article by Vernon Scott, veteran Hollywood columnist. He is known for his Barbara Striesand and Mae West takeoffs and says, "Would you call Flip Wilson a female impersonator because he does Geraldine?" .....he says that dressing as a woman is a 'gimmick' because his agent told him he needed some kind of 'gimmick'..... Hmmmmmm.....

LOS ANGELES
Laugh-In's nellie sportscaster, Alan Sues made an appearance at the opening of the sex-switch movie, DINAH EAST. His date: J. P. Morgan.

NEW YORK POST: "The thing that most impressed me about New York, " said Hollywood's Hal Kanter, author of "Snake in the Grass," after a visit, "is the number of women who don't wear brassiers -- and the number of men who do."

VARIETY: HOLLY WOODLAWN, transvestite co-star of Andy Warhol's TRASH, continues a career as a femme with her signing last week to topline in "THE SLIDING POND" which starts in N. Y.

Pic will tell of the misadventures of a lass from Ohio who comes to the big city. Hank Alpert and Robert J. Kaplan are producing, and Kaplan will direct. No distribution deal has been made.

Since TRASH, Miss Woodlawn has made WOMEN IN REVOLT, a satire of women's liberation movement, also for Warhol. The title has since been changed to PIG (Politically Involved Girls). A group called the FLAMING FAGGOTS object to Mr. Warhol's use of drag queens on the grounds that they are offensive to the male homosexual.....

LOS ANGELES: A transsexual group calling itself AND/OR (The Androgynous Organization) has established a transsexual help center under the auspices of the Gay Liberation Front/LA.

AND/OR, headed by David Feldman, 18, who is in the process of becoming Lee Ann Charlotte will attempt to locate legal and medical aid for transsexuals, as well as housing, jobs, and counseling.

Feldman/Charlotte, a preoperative transsexual, decided to start the center after talking with some 30 transsexuals and finding all had problems similar to her own, especially difficulty in breaking the news to their families.

"We will be trying to help transsexuals help their parents understand their problems, she said.

Her own parent s reaction was, "What will the neighbors think, "she said.

She had written to her parents trying to explain her decision to change sexes.

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QUESTION: IS ESTROGEN THERAPY PAINFUL?
ANSWER: The simplest form of estrogen therapy; taking pills orally, is not painful. If a dosage that is too high is regularly taken, the breasts will become abnormally sensitive. But, this sensitivity diminishes with reduced dosage. Estrogen, Administered by injection, is painful and expensive. One should only submit to this form of therapy under a doctor's orders; and one should, further, require the doctor to explain, in detail, why such treatment is necessary.

Q. IS ESTROGEN EXPENSIVE?
A. Natural estrogen, the best form to use, is quite inexpensive. A dosage of 2.5 mg. (the popular purple pill), is about 16¢ per day, provided one buys the pills at a discount drug store.

Q. IS A PRESCRIPTION NECESSARY?
A. Legally, estrogen can only be dispensed by prescription. The cost of an examination by a qualified physician is approximately $25; after which the physician will prescribe, if the individual case will permit. Black market estrogen may be

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WHAT YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT HORMONES

(but were afraid to ask)

About The Author

The author, Sally Douglas, has been active in the drag scene for many years as both a researcher and as a participant. In late years, she has devoted an increasing amount of time to writing and lecturing on subjects related to the field of male-lesbianism; and has done much to further the social acceptance of this mode of life. She has accumulated a wealth of experience on the clinical and psychological aspects of estrogen therapy. In this article she attempts to discuss, frankly many of the problems that worry the young transsexual.

BY

SALLY DOUGLAS

more expensive and may have the added disadvantage of being adulterated with other substances, or completely mislabeled. It is prudent to get legal estrogen from a licensed pharmacy.

Q. WHAT COMPOUND IS BEST?

A. If your doctor prescribes anything other than the natural conjugated estrogen, "premarin", ask him why he does so. Natural estrogens have the least undesirable side effect of all the estrogen compounds. Avoid taking synthetic hormones or birth control pills, unless absolutely convinced by your doctor that they are necessary and beneficial to you.

Q. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GROW BREASTS WITH PREMARIN TAKEN ORALLY?

A. If recommended dosage of 2.5-5.0mg is taken, very nice breasts will be formed by the average male in less than a year. (See photo) Once one decides to undergo estrogen therapy, there is always pressure on one to take higher dosages than prescribed in the hope of fostering faster development. Avoid this pitfall. Estrogen can be used by the body only in a current basis. Estrogen is not stored by the body; and any estrogen ingested above current needs is immediately expelled by the body. This places an abnormal load on the kidneys and liver. After prolonged high dosage, the liver may be adversely affected.

Q. ARE HORMONES A DRUG?

A. No. Hormones are natural substances produced by the endocrine glands in the body. Estrogen is present in small quantities in the normal male body. In undergoing hormone therapy, one merely changes the natural balance.

Q. ARE HORMONES ADDICTIVE?

A. Physically, no. There are no withdrawal symptons. Psychologically, yes. It is very hard for a person who has started to develop breasts reduce therapy.

Q. DOES HORMONE THERAPY DISTORT ONE'S PERCEPTION OF REALITY?

A. Yes, to some degree. As one's shape becomes more feminine; one's attitudes also change. This affect is more marked in some individuals than others.

Q. ARE THERE ANY UNDESIRABLE SIDE AFFECTS WITH ESTROGEN THERAPY?

A. With synthetic hormones, there may be. Avoid them if possible.

Q. IS THERE ANY DANGER OF CANCER?

A. If the patient sticks to natural estrogen, avoiding synthetics and surgical procedures, the chances for the development of breast cancer are infinitessimal.

Q. I LIKE GIRLS. WILL ESTROGEN THERAPY REDUCE MY SEX DRIVE AND ABILITY?

A. After a time, yes. The degree depends upon your initial sexuality. If you were very sexy (horny) before, estrogen ingestion may not affect you very much. However, if your original libido was very much diminished, you may find that all sex drive is suppressed.

Q. IS THERE ANY WAY I CAN IMPROVE MY SEXUAL ABILITY, WITHOUT DECREASING THE SIZE OF MY BREASTS?

A. Yes. The breasts form more readily than they reduce; so, a simple vacation from the therapy will improve your sex drive without ruining your breasts.. although, they may start to sag a little.

Resumption of therapy will not immediately incapacitate you.

Q. IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE I CAN TAKE WHILE TAKING HORMONES, TO MAKE ME FEEL HORNY AGAIN?

A. Vitamin E, in dosages of 400-500 mg/ day will have this affect.

Q. IF I DECIDE, AFTER ALL THIS, THAT BEING A WOMAN FULL TIME IS REALLY NOT MY THING: CAN I GET RID OF MY BREASTS WITHOUT SURGERY?

A. The answer to this depends to a great degree on how long you continue therapy, before deciding to quit. Natural breast formation, caused by the interaction of estrogen on the system, develops by two related, but independent, processes.

1. Enlargement of normally dormant glands in the chest.
2. Production of fatty tissues in the breast area, thighs, stomach and upper arms.

Even with strict dieting, you will find that estrogen therapy will cause you to gain weight. Withdrawal from therapy, will have the affect of:

1. Reducing the size of the expanded glands.
2. Over a period of time, reducing the superfluous fatty tissue put on in the region of the breast, thigh, etc.

Reduction of fatty tissue takes time, as does any weight reduction routine; and the length of time is directly proportional to the amount of extra fat accumulated by the body. If you have not been on estrogen for a great length of time, you will eventually return to normal.

Q. WILL HORMONES MAKE ME MORE HOMOSEXUAL?

A. If your orientation is toward increasing your feminity, you may identify with the girls and want more male companionship than before, in the form of male escorts. Many partial sex-changes find this to be true. If you are very feminine looking, with such companionship comes the inevitable invitation or demand for sexual satisfaction. The question really is: If one lets one's date take one to bed, is one becoming homosexual?

If this question bothers you, I will relieve your mind and say, "NO". If you have never before in your life fallen in love with another man or had a crush on one, shifting your form toward the feminine will not create homosexual longings. It is well known that many prostitutes are lesbian, and do not enjoy sex with males. They, nevertheless, have sexual relations with males for other reasons).

If you were casually bi-sexual before estrogen therapy, it is likely that the frequency of your encounters with males will increase. Whether, in fact, you begin to enjoy this more is entirely a question of personal bias. You may find that you do not.

Q. WHAT IS MY STATUS WHEN I HAVE FULLY DEVELOPED BREASTS AND A PENIS AS WELL?

A. You are still legally a male; as your birth certificate testifies. Although you now have a strong point to fall back on, if you find yourself in the courts.

At this point in time, the courts are much more educated than they were; and as a result, more receptive to reasonable arguments about latent

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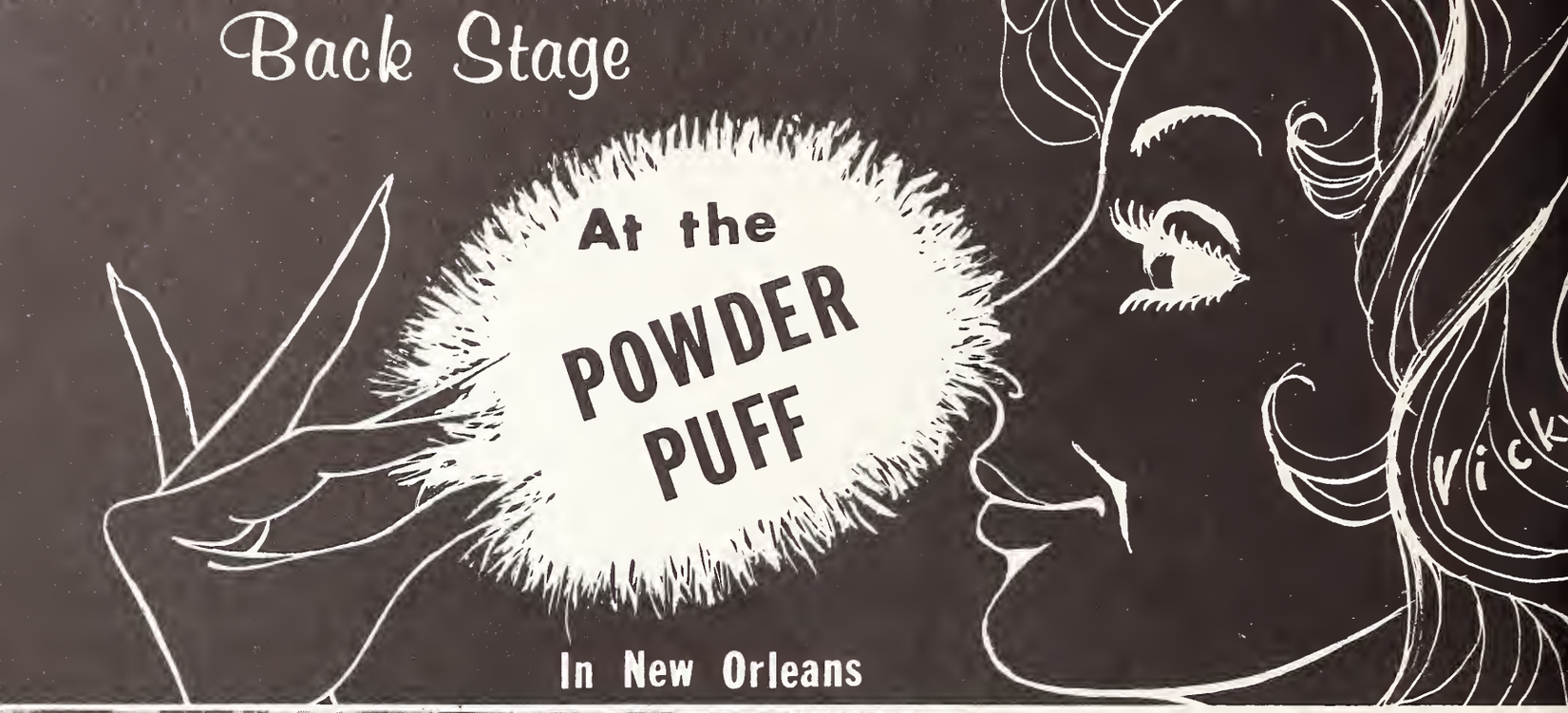
Back Stage



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SAN FRANCISCO SCENE

I am delighted to be writing for DRAG and telling the "girls" what is happening here in San Francisco. I should also add, that you have my support on the demands that Queens is making on the legal establishment. Within the next month or so, I will be living as a woman 100% of the time, and will no doubt be solidly confronted with the true impact of the cross-dressing laws(though I've been stopped several times in the past).

As I mentioned in my first letter, I'm in frequent contact with quite a few drag queens and transsexuals, especially those that are openly leading feminine lifestyles. In my next letter, I'll make it a point to enclose a good number of polaroid and 35mm prints of the local girls.

Though I did not personally go to the event, I've been told by reliable friends that drag queens and transsexuals were part of the gay marching delegation at the April 17 End-the-War-in Vietnam Rally here in San Francisco. They were well received and not harrassed by the San Francisco police department or other marchers.

During Gay Pride Week in San Francisco, Queens and transsexuals were

also openly seen at the various rallies and other events. There still, however, is quite a bit of antagonism directed at cross-dressers by the GAY community. "Straight" gays apparently like us as lovers, but hate to be seen with us in public dressed. (Maybe they like hiding in the closet).

In my first letter to you, I mentioned that there has been a recent move by some local gay clubs to enforce an escourt rule on queens and transsexuals. After careful investigation on my own, I find that the situation is even more confusing. As explained to me by the management, some of my sisters have been very flagrantly soliciting for prostitution in some of these places, and at least for the present, the respective managements have decided that an escourt is a way to eliminate this hustling. Hopefully, the situation will improve.

Enclosed is a list of San Francisco Bay drinking establishments that permit TV's queens and transsexuals to enter in drag. I've personally been in all these establishments within the past two weeks, and unless there has been a sudden change in policy, they will continue to cater to cross-dressers. (Most are long-standing drag bars). Publication of the list will be of great value to our sisters, as some of my closest friends don't even know about them. The clubs that require an escort are so noted, as are places where entertainment and dancing are part of the action. All the clubs require valid I.D. that the patron (patroness) be at least 21 years of age. (Twenty-one is the legal drinking age in California) There are other places I've heard rumors about, so I plan to investigate as a girl and possibly enlarge upon this list at a further date.

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOMED
on places and events that may be of interest to our readers

LIST OF BAY AREA DRAG BARS
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

181 Club — Show, Escort
181 Eddy St.
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Grecos — dancing
1335 Grant Ave.
San Francisco

The Golden Door
233 Ellis St. — Escort
San Francisco

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FORTUNE AND MEN'S EYES

A DRAG REVIEW

by:

Tony Valponi

The danger in producing a vivid screen expose of the horrors and degradation of our penal code and institutions is that the moviegoer may turn his wrath onto the subjects and their acts of violence (whether sexual or physical) rather than the establishment which causes these outbursts through neglect, maltreatment and lack of rehabilitation.

"FORTUNE AND MEN'S EYES" cuts like a bull-dozer, but I left doubting that its ultimate purpose, that of prison reform, is left with the audience.

The transvestite and homosexual acts are performed so violently animalistic and devoid of feeling, I fear middle America just might equate us with all that callousness that should be attributed to our system and way of life.

And again, It is not the straight homo-

sexual element that established the hit play or is responsible for the queing lines for the movie version.

Again, girls it is the drag queen who 'saves' the day (and the picture).

It is the flamboyant, wild and campy MICHAEL GREER who is responsible for most of the steam roller tactics of the film.

From his very opening appearance culminating in a marvelously lensed drag scene at an outrageous prison Christmas show, Mr. Greer, as "Queenie" steals "Fortune and Men's Eyes" lock stock and purse.

But as spectacular as "Queenie" may be she is equally devoid of feeling. It is sad that her character is used as the instrument for so much bitchiness and evil which oozes off the silver screen.

"Queenie" is the perfect example of what DRAG was exposing in issue #3, (THE CATS IN OUR LIVES). Whether or not the bitch queen character will cause any penal correction in the future is most questionable. It seems only to perpetuate that steryotype transvestite from which we have come a long way.

Unfortunately, like every other facit of American living, it is the extreme which

makes good copy in news media and on movie screens. "Queenie" is extreme and certainly makes good viewing.

This reviewer found no fault with the authenticity of the drag scene. For realism and sensuality, with a touch of manly Marilyn Monroe mannerisms, Mr. Greer makes an admirable looking drag queen with one imperfection ---next time, Mr. Greer, please put in a heart! ■

When, in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes,
I all alone beweep my outcast fate,
And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries,
And look upon myself, and curse my fate,
Wishing me like to one more rich in hope,
Featured like him, like him with friends possest,
Desiring this man's art, and that man's scope,
With what I most enjoy contented least;
Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising,
Hapily I think on thee,--and then my state,
Like to the lark at break of day arising
From sullen earth, sings hymns at heaven's gate;
For thy sweet love remember'd such wealth brings
That then I scorn to change my state with kings.

-William Shakespeare
Sonnet 29

CHICAGO
Scene

CHICAGO HAS TWO GAY CLUBS WHICH FEATURE FEMALE IMPERSONATORS. ONE IS CALLED THE NORMANDY, AND ANOTHER THE SPARROW CLUB. THE SPARROW CLUB HAS A SHOW ALL YEAR ROUND, BUT THE NORMANDY ONLY WHEN ANNOUNCED. CALL INDIVIDUAL CLUBS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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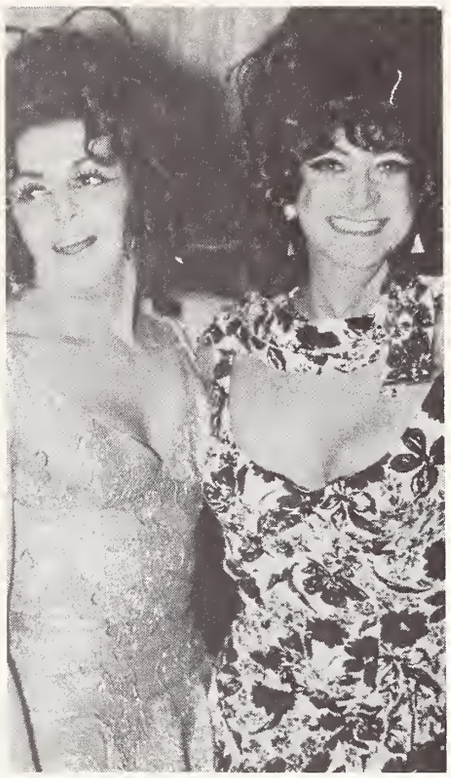

MAKIN' THE SCENE

femininity. In most cases, you can convince the court that your 'deviant' behavior is not anti-social.

Q. WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT RELIEVING MYSELF IN PUBLIC PLACES? IS IT ALLRIGHT TO GO INTO THE LADIES ROOM?

A. This has always been a tough problem from the legal standpoint. Many cops like to bust she-males for doing this, on the theory that they are behaving as "Peeping Toms."

With real breasts, in a challenge with the average cop, call for a matron. There are many, many very masculine women in the world, who may coincidentally have deep voices. When it comes to a show down with the matron, you can often outbluff her by simply taking off your bra.

If this does not work out, and you do find yourself in court, it is easier to refute the charge if you have evidence of increasing feminity.

Q. HOW SHOULD I DRESS WHEN I GO TO THE BEACH?

A. Although it seems perfectly acceptable to go to the beach in a male bathing costume (trunks), you will find that your breasts will cause much comment from observers, and possibly insults from certain types of male. The best solution, if it is possible, is to put on a swim cap (female), and a bikini which shows a lot of breast; and go in this way.

Your face, unmade-up, without the artificies of cosmetics, may look masculine, and your voice may seem deep; but, no cop will put himself in the position of requiring you to prove you are a female, with all that evidence exposed. (This is assuming that you are not making a nuisance of yourself)!

Q. WHAT ABOUT MY GIRL FRIEND? WILL SHE THROW ME OVER?

A. The odds are about 50-50. Most girls will not, if they imagine themselves to be in love with you. A hung-up girl will.

Q. WHAT ABOUT MY BOY-FRIEND? WILL HE THROW ME OVER?

A. Probably, yes. In all liklihood, he only tolerated your drag. Now, with real breasts to aggrevate him, he will find you too feminine; and may become hostile or uneasy. In this case, it is best to find a new man, who is more basically heterosexual, and is turned on by breasts. There are loads of them around. (Ed. Note More than can go around, in fact.)

Q. WILL MY BREASTS BECOME ACTIVE, SEXUALLY?

A. After about a year of estrogen therapy, and some vacation from it, you will find your body naturally orienting toward this secondary sexual center.

Many people find that their breasts have indeed become the primary center of sexual stimulation. Others find that the response is secondary: but that it augments the primary response.

Q. WILL ESTROGEN DECREASE MY BODY HAIR?

A. No, the only way to reduce body hair is by shaving, the use of depilatories or by employment of electrolysis. (ED NOTE: People who have used hormones have testified that it reduces the hair on the body and limbs. It is necessary for one to have electrolysis to remove the beard.)

Q. WILL HORMONES AFFECT MY VOICE?

A. No. The voice is toned by the dimensions of the voice box and by conscious habit. The only way to feminize your voice is to take voice lessons.

Q. IF I HAVE MY OWN BREASTS CAN I TELL MY DATE I AM FEMALE?

A. Best not to. Most men don't like surprises in bed--especially if they are bent on cunt. It seems quite fashionable, these days, to be a partial sex-change, and many guys dig this. This approach is preferable. Best be honest, if at all possible.

Q. HOW DO I FIND A DOCTOR, WHO WILL GIVE ME A PRESCRIPTION?

A. Most non-catholic doctors, under 35 years of age, are not predisposed to be hostile to your desires. Many of course, have no experience in the treatment of transsexuality; but this can be corrected quite easily by asking them to become educated on the subject. In most cases, one needs only to select the nearest young doctor, and go in and tell him what is required.

If this fails for you, or if you are too shy to educate the doctor, write the Erickson Education Foundation in care of DRAG magazine. The foundation maintains a list of many doctors who are known to be sympathetic.■

NEWS

The letter said in part, "Mom, if I had a chance, I would still be the same person on the inside. No one hated me as David, so why should they hate me for being Lee Anne?"

She said her mother once said that if "God wanted me to have been born a girl, then he would have made me one."

I always felt that I was in the wrong body. When I was a little kid, I tied a string around 'it' one time with the other end tied to the door knob and then tried to pull it off like a tooth by slamming the door."

She said she has been taking hormones, and has "talked to a lot of doctors." She plans to have sex-change surgery when she reaches the age of 21.

AND/OR can be contacted through GLF/LA at 4400 Melrose Avenue., Los Angeles Calif. (213) 660 2990.■

EDITORIAL

start in the fight for greater acceptance for the transvestite.

To this end DRAG is being published to make the public aware of our mutual oppression. We are SURE our aims are attainable.

If you do not want to come out of your closet, at least you can put your money where your mouth is. Working through an attorney you can uncover ob-jectionable ordinances and have the attorney act on your behalf either as an individual or on behalf of a group such as Queens or your local "soriority".

Just remember that the Grand Canyon was made by the perserverance of waters constantly attacking the stone. All you have to do is be as unending in your fight against discrimination of the transvestite and all oppressed minorities.

The local level is the proper place to launch the fight. In a study made of the statutes of the various States, it was found that few has restrictive clauses. Prejudicial ordinances and loosely worded ones are used to harrass the transvestite, even if he is minding his own business and not creating a disturbance. Lets make a res-

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VIEW-POINT

DRAG QUEEN VS TRANSVESTITE

GAY TRANSVESTITE

The 'drag queen' is one of the many different types of the transvestite phenomenon. He is many times more militant and flamboyant than his transvestite 'sisters'. The drag queen is almost always of the homosexual variety of transvestite, and is usually more relaxed and realistic than the other types. This, undoubtedly, is due to his having no qualms about his masculinity, as the so-called straight 'sister'. Being completely at ease in the feminine role, he often comes across to the viewing public as the 'real thing'.

MORE FEMININE THAN THE FEMALE?

Drags can be more feminine than the genital female. Having studied the female in detail and copying her make-up, movements, and personality, the drag becomes an exaggerated form of his heterosexual counterpart. Unfortunately, the drag's personality is also exaggerated. The bitchiness of the women he imitates is also incorporated into his female image. This personality has become the stereotype of the drag queen and turns away many in fear and intolerance of all drags. This is not, however, the personality of all drags, but does stand out, as all unpleasant traits of any particular group of people are the ones most people remember. We feel that if the drag queen toned down this offensive personality, the homosexual, the straight transvestite, and the drag queen would be able to work together more effectively as they haven't been able to do in the past.

The term QUEEN can be applied more honestly to the drag, again due to 'her' attitude. No one can 'snub' a poor "peasant" as cruelly as a drag can. 'She' reeks with superiority which is a queenly trait. The transvestite or transsexual are more or less girl next door types.

STRAIGHT MALE COURTS HER

The feminity of the drag queen may account for an unusually large amount of attention from the heterosexual male. Being extremely feminine, he will appeal to men, who would not ordinarily participate in homosexual relationships. These men will treat the drag with complete heterosexual courtesy... such as buying 'her' drinks, lighting cigarettes, opening doors, etc., for 'her'. He thinks of 'her' as a female and will even go so far as to form a common law marriage, with the heterosexual male as the 'husband'. When 'she's' in boy's clothes, 'she' does all this on 'her' own. He's not queer!

However, the drag queen is not always the 'passive' partner, sexually. It's been said by many homosexuals that the only way to get 'fucked' is to go to bed with a drag queen. This active role is many times a problem especially so, when the drag decides to become a trans-sexual. It's more difficult to adjust to the passive role of receiving, thus creating quite a lot of frustration. All we can say to the 'girls' who are 'girls' in dress only: Don't have it cut off, or tucked in!

THE STRAIGHT TRANSVESTITE

Too often discussions on the subject of transvestism become clinical descriptions and thus fail to reveal some of the more personal insights into this complicated subject. I hope instead to give a few personal observations and opinions in this brief column on the distinction between the drag queen and the heterosexual transvestite, a distinction of which few gay or straight people are aware.

As a heterosexual transvestite I found that I had a strong interest both in girls as well as girl's clothes by the age of three or four. However, I found it easier to act out my transvestite feelings as early as 8 or 9 years of age, but couldn't find the nerve to even kiss a girl until I was 20. Now, happily, both aspects of my personality have the opportunity and nerve for full expression!

The homosexual drag queens that I've know also took an early interest in girl's clothes, but developed sexual interests in boys sometime around puberty. They invariably differed from the hetero transvestite in that they were frequently very experienced sexually by their late teens, while the straight T. V. almost always is slower, being in his early or mid 20's before gaining experience.

The second principle difference in these two groups are their respective attitudes about dressing as a female. I found that I strove greatly to keep my desires a secret (as do most T. V.'s) and even now when I go dressed in public I don't want anyone to even suspect my true identity. Drag queens, however, thrive on attention and frequently appear in public in clothes and makeup that give away their true sex, or they dress in such high style that they draw a tremendous amount of attention. The difference is that the T. V.'s best compliment is to be totally ignored, but the drag queen is unhappy unless she turns every head on the avenue as she passes.

VIEWPOINT
Continued

Returning for a moment to the T. V.'s dread of being recognized in public, I feel there are several reasons for this, first there is the natural fear of being arrested, but beyond that is a fear of being ridiculed by unsympathetic citizens and subjected to their verbal and perhaps physical assaults. Last, the heterosexually inclined T. V. is not interested in attracting the overtures of males who might be interested in boys who dress as girls.

Although I have never completely fathomed the phenomen of cross dressing for the drag queens or T. V.'s I can now say that I'm relatively sure that my interest as a hetero T. V. centers almost strictly around the clothes themselves. I am fascinated by the look, feel and the cut of girl's clothes, and although I have a constant impulse to wear them, I do not consciously desire to be a female. For when I finally feel gratified at having made a successful transition from boy to girl, I invariably find a need eventually for becoming a male again both in appearance and in actions. I enjoy being a member of both sexes as far as appearances go, and while the drive to be feminine is undeniable at times, the male side is dominant in the end.

Life is difficult for both the drag queen and the transvestite because of the inherent contradictions between fantasy, reality and desire. The transvestite of course is faced with the problem of being attracted and attractive to females who are looking for a "MAN" and who are unable to cope with the demands of a transvestite personality. This coupled with the tension of playing two opposite roles in life, each of them vying for control of one body is very unsettling for the transvestite. ■

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BOX 100

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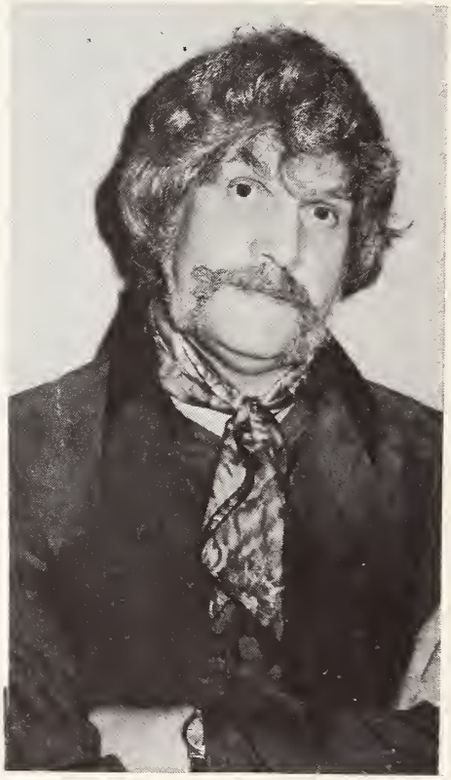

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